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C O N F I D E N T I A L TOKYO 3608

E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MARR JA

SUBJ: JAPANESE MARITIME SAFETY LAW

REF: A. STATE 046007 DTG 132050 Z MAR 73

B. STATE 026782 DTG 122325 Z FEB 73

SUMMARY: WHILE MSA HAS FRAMED MINISTERIAL ORDER  
IMPLEMENTING MARITIME SAFETY LAW ON ASSUMPTION IT WOULD  
BE MADE APPLICABLE TO ALL SHIPS, INCLUDING USN AND MSDF SHIPS,  
FONOFF HAS YET TO DECIDE WHETHER USN SHIPS SHOULD BE  
EXEMPTED UNDER SOFA ARTICLE 5. MINISTERIAL ORDER  
REQUIRES " HUGE VESSELS" AND " DANGEROUS CARGO" CARRIERS  
( EXCLUDING WARSHIPS CARRYING OWN AMMO, ETC.) TO GIVE  
NOTICE BY NOON OF DAY PRIOR TO USE OF ONE OF 11  
RESTRICTED CHANNELS. IN EMERGENCIES, NOTIFICATION  
REQUIREMENT MAY BE MET BY TELEPHONE OR TELEGRAM JUST  
PRIOR TO USE OF CHANNEL . EMBASSY PLANS TO PRESS GOJ  
THRU JOINT COMMITTEE FOR EXEMPTION FROM LAW. OUR  
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PRELIMINARY THINKING IS, HOWEVER, THAT MOTO REQUIREMENTS  
APPEAR REASONABLE, AND MAY CAUSE SOME INCONVENIENCE  
BUT NOT HARDSHIP IF USN SHIPS NOT EXEMPTED. END SUMMARY.

1. MARITIME SAFETY AGENCY (MSA) INFORMED EMBASSY  
MARCH 26 THAT MINISTRY OF TRANSPORTATION ORDINANCE  
(MOTO) FOR IMPLEMENTING MARITIME TRAFFIC SAFETY LAW  
(NO. 115 OF JULY 3, 1972) AND CABINET ORDER (NO. 5 OF  
JANUARY 26, 1973) WILL BE ISSUED MARCH 27, 1973. LAW,  
CABINET ORDER AND MOTO WILL  
TOON

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